# **BUSINESS FIRST** FOR FEDERATION **DELAYS ELECTION**

Election of Officers Postponed at Denver Meeting.

Two Weeks of Sessions Falled to Clear Up Work.

# GOMPERS UTTERS HIS DEFY

Declares Lewis Nor Any One Man Can Write Platform.

Women Delegates in Determined Fight for Equal Rights.

Denver, June 24.—The contest for the presidency of the American Federation of Labor became so hot today that President Samuel Gompers was forced to warn against electioneering by federation organizers, Gompers stopped the proceedings of the convention when a half dozen compaign conferences were on in various parts of the convention hall and said:

"I am informed that some organ-izers of the federation are interfering with the election of officers. No or-ganizer has the right to espouse the candidacy of any one."

Election Is Delayed.

The convention agreed that the elec-tion, which will settle whether Gompers or John L. Lewis shall lead Gompers or John L. Lewis shall lead the labor union movement, will be held at 10:20 Saturday. Officials ruled that, in accordance with the constitution, the election must be the last husiness matter to come before the convention. The election will be held tomorrow night or early next week. With Samuel Gorapers taking the offensive in his battle to retain lead ership of the federation, his opponent for the presidency, John L. Lewishead of the United Mine Workers of America, was expected to issue a statement on his position.

In a speech late yesterday, Gompers declared that William Randolph Hearst, newspaper publisher, is responsible for the campaign to prevent his re-election. He said Hearst was trying to "get him" because he had a speech late with the constant and may have been malled by some one other than the missing sailor and with his re-election. He said Hearst was trying to "get him" because he had the labor union movement, will be which may reveal the fate of at least one of the twenty "vanishing ships" was being followed by government investigators today.

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The demand of women for equal rights and privileges in all labor unions, determination of future relationship with European trade union movements, and jurisdictional disputes were the major issues still confronting the convention when it resumed sessions today.

Altho the convention had been in session nearly two weeks an unusual volume of work remains. Because of this several delegates announced they would move to hold night sessions in order that all business could be transacted by Sunday morning.

# WEATHER NEWS

Fair in the east and central portions, showers in the extreme east portion to-night. Saturday probably fair. Not much change in temperature.

# **COOL WEATHER FOR KANSAS**

Gulf Storm Flareback Cools State and Brings Rain.

TODAY'S TEMPERATURES. 

10 o'clock.....66 | 2 o'clock.....71

The "flare back" from the Gulf storm of Thursday is hovering over Kansas today, and will keep the temperature down, as well as supplying general rains. The Gulf storm, moving inland, is crossing the state today, and will probably be clear of Kansas tonight. It is producing only rain, having left the wind feature at the Gulf. If it is past the state by Saturday morning, the prospects are that Kansas will have a clear, cool, "summer resort" Saturday. mer resort" Saturday.
The temperature in Topeka this afternoon will not go above 75 degrees,
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# **POSTCARD IS CLUE**

Mother of Member of One Vanished Crew Gets Word.

Declares Writing Is Really That of Her Son.

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June Crop Report Shows Decrease of 2,400,000 Bushels.

Yield of 112,914,000 Bushels Is Mohler Forecast.

RAISES GOVERNMENT REPORT

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on a total of 4,580,000 acres planted.

The crop shows an improvement over last month, but is small and backward.

43,000,000 Bushels of Oats.

At total of 43,000,000 hushels of oats will be harvested. Mohler estimates, due to greatly improved conditions.

Barley will probably yield 16,000,000 bushels and the state will dig 58,000 acres of potatoes, or 11,000 more than last year. Mohler's report in detail is as fol-

Winter Wheat.

This year's Kansas winter wheat crop will amount to 112,915,000 bushels, according to the present summary of correspondents' estimates. This yield is less by 2,400,000 bushels than indicated in the board's May report, but is more than the June 1st estimate of the U. S. department by about 10,000,000 bushels. The prospective acre-yield is now given as 11.12 bushels on 10,149,500 acres for harvest, as compared to 12,68 bushels on 5,02,000 arres reported in May. The increase in acresses is due to receipt of official assessors returns showing much more wheat sown than correspondents had previously estimated, but this gain in acreage was more than offset by the decline in wheat prospects.

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# SLUMP IN WHEAT Santa Fe Will Re-employ Shop Men, Says Pres. Storey

Will Be First Move Made in Plan for Easier Financial Situation, President of Santa Fe Says-Wage Cuts Will Go Into Effect on July 1.

istence of Supposed Husband.

Died Natural Death.

# DENY PHONE RATE

Opinion of Utilities Commission Affects Service Charges.

Decision Handed Down Following Bitter Court Fight.

# BELL CO. CONSIDERS APPEAL puted.

Ordered to Reinstate Rates in Force Before Hearing.

Four Class Exceptions in Arkansas City and Winfield.

In an opinion today by the public atilities commission, twenty-six of the thirty classes of telephone service charges for the towns of Arkansas City, Atchison, Eldorado, Hutchinson, Winfield and Lyons are denied. The decision was handed down following a bitter fight in the courts regarding hearing of the cases and establishment of rates. The Southwestern Bell Telephone company is bitterly arraigned for so called "moral perjury" and "a bold attempt to deceive the public" in the opinion written by Clyde M. Reed, chairman. Bell officials today considered an appeal to the supreme court. The order from the state commission orders the Bell company to reinstate rates in force before the hearing. The four class exceptions include: Arkansas City and Winfield, where individual business rates were increased from \$3 to \$3.50; Atchison.

Affects Six Towns.

Decision in the cases affecting the six towns follows a bitter fight between the Bell company and the state commission. The former court of industrial relations ordered wage increases for employes of the Bell company in the towns. When the Bell company asserted that an increased rate would be necessary to meet this expense, the company was advised to file an application. The application was filed but no hearing was held. In consequence the company went before the district court of Shawnee county where it secured a restraining order against placing the new rates in effect.

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When the Hutchinson rates were ordered in operation, the Reno county district court enjoined the advance. Judge Fairchild severely criticised the former industrial court and public utilities commission for playing politics in the rate case.

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In the opinion today, there is ample severe language to offset any feeling remarks which may have been previously made in the case. The Reed remarks are a severe indictment of the good faith and fair public policy of the Bell company as well as condemnation of testimony presented in the recent hearing.

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Festus J. Wade, president of the Mercantile Trust company, St. Louis.

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La Follette Asks Congressional Investigation of "Morale Boards."

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LET'S GO.

Topeka needs a new hotel of the odern type. Everybody admits that That a new hotel can be operated at a profit on the necessary investment is the consensus of opinion of all hotel men who have looked into the situation here.

That a modern hotel will bring housands of persons to the city who would not otherwise come-and thou ands of dollars with them-is undis

And that is the proposition in a nut shell. We need the hotel; the town is crying for it; it will pay for itself di ectly and pay for itself again in it direct benefits; and the preferred tockholders have a guaranteed return equal to 9 per cent on their inves

What are we waiting for?

Peggy" Joyce Named in Stillman Divorce Suit.

Guest at One of Banker's Wild Parties is Charge.

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# TO TEST GASOLINE

State Oil Inspectors Make Crusade on Filling Stations.

Nine Topeka Off Dealers Visited

# **GOVERNOR A**

FOUR CENTS

Officials of Seven Roads in Conference Today.

Kansas Wants Reduction of Freight Rates.

# ENTERTAINED AT LUNCHEON

Prices Are 162 Per Cent of Normal, Says Governor.

Chairman Reed to Present Statistics on Transportation. Officials of seven Kansas railroads

are in Topeka today for a conference with Governor Allen regarding his proposal for a voluntary reduction in freight rates on wheat. Representatives of the transportation lines were New York, June 24.—The name of Peggy Hopkins Joyce will be brought into the Stillman divorce case when hearings are resumed in Poughkeensie. nference beginning this aftern Recently Governor Allen sent tele-grams to presidents of seven railroads asking that they attend a conference to discuss wheat rates. Replies were received from all of the railroads, altho several of them stated presidents of the roads would be unabled. of the roads would be unable to come to Topeka for the discussion of the

freight rate problem. A number of freight rate experts are here to par-ticipate in the discussion. with that of Stillman. The witness, who is expected to furnish this testimony is Frank Murphy, former steward on the Modesty.

Reports were circulated today that Stillman is suffering from a nervous breakdown and might not be able to appear for cross examination next week. These rumors could not be confirmed.

Mrs. Stillman's attorneys are renormed to have discovered a new witness—a former nurse of Mrs. Leeds—who is expected to testify regarding the parties on the Modesty and incidents at the "Love Nest" in Florida.

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To Ask Lower Rates.

Governor Allen appealed for a volunteer order lowering freight rates on wheat to pre-war places and should not be asked to pay the advance in transportation costs. The present rates, he has urged, will mean a hardship in movement of the grain and in many instances will cause growers to absorb a loss.

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The present freight rates, railroad ficials have pointed out in telegrams the governor, were fixed by the iterstate commerce commission and interstate commerce commission and the state public utilities commission. Any relief, they are expected to urgs, should come in orders from these bodies. In the recent livestock rate hearing it was also asserted that a concession to one class of shippers during the present market decline would justify equal concessions to chippers of other commodities affected by markets.

Governor Allen Returns Here.

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City Planning Expert on Program of Special Session.

There will be a special meeting of the Forum committee of the Chamber of Commerce at noon Monday, June 127, when Will F. McDermott, city ference, according to announcement ference, according to announcement ference, according to announcement.

Nomination for Peck.

Washington, June 24.—Recommendations that the nomination of Maj. Robert C. Peck to be lieutenant colonel be withdrawn if charges filed against him are found true, were made to Secretary Weeks today by Senators Curtis and Capper of Kansas.

Major Peck has been charged with making disparaging statements concerning the services of the Kansas National Guard in France. His nomination was held in the senate military committee at the request of Senator Capper. The charges will be thoroly investigated, Secretary Weeks told the senators.

Wichita, Kan., June 24.—The first wheat of the season marketed here brought \$1.28, Kansas City basis, on the Wichita board of trade. The grain was grown near Coldwater and tested as No. 1, 60 pounds to the bushel.

# Resolution of the company of the com vides Reporters With a "Whale of a Story." New York, June 24.—This is a whale of a story: Whale of a story: Whale of a story: Whale of a story: That she blows!" cried George Fand, watchman at the Midland beach pier, Staten Island, as he saw an honge Pier, P

## WILL FACE CHARGE MUST PAY ROADS Kansas City Woman Denies Ex- Bankers Tell Harding U. S. Should Pay Now. Claims Topekan, Her First, Harding, Hoover and Mellon

Parley Until 1 a. m. Kansas City, Mo., June 24 .- Mrs. | Washington, June 24 .- Promy Mattie Carter, also known as Mrs. payment of the government's debt to Mattie McPherson, today faced a the railroads, resulting from federal charge of first degree murder in con-

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